

# ANIMAL FUN

## Good Books

The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Carle	BB & E CAR
Animal Babies	Dickinson	BB DIC
On My Own	Ford	BB FOR
Cow Moo Me	Losordo	BB LOS
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?	Martin	BB & E MAR
Mama Mama	Marzollo	BB MAR
Yoyo's Animal Friends	Rowe	BB ROW

## Songs & Rhymes

### GIDDY-UP HORSEY

*(Bounce baby on knees and on the last line let baby slip through knees)*

Giddy-up, giddy-up, giddy-up horsey,

Giddy-up, giddy-up, go, go, go.

Giddy-up, giddy-up, giddy-up horsey,

Giddy-up, giddy-up, WHOA!

### THE BEE HIVE

Here is the bee hive,

*(hold up closed fist)*

Where are the bees?

Hidden away where nobody sees.

Watch and you'll see them,

Come out of the hive.

One, two, three, four, five

*(hold up one finger at a time)*

### HICKORY DICKORY DOCK

Hickory, dickory, dock *(clap hands)*

The mouse ran up the clock.

*(raise baby's arms above head)*

The clock struck one, *(kiss baby)*

The mouse ran down,

*(bring arms back down)*

Hickory, dickory, dock. *(clap hands)*

*Repeat with legs*

### TEDDY BEAR, TEDDY BEAR

Teddy bear, teddy bear, turn around

*(roll baby's hands)*

Teddy bear, teddy bear, touch the ground.

*(pat the ground)*

Teddy bear, teddy bear, hug me tight,

*(give baby a hug)*

Teddy bear, teddy bear, say goodnight.

*(kiss baby)*

### THIS LITTLE PIGGY WENT TO MARKET

This little piggy went to market.

This little piggy stayed home.

This little piggy had roast beef.

This little piggy had none.

And this little piggy went

"wee-wee-wee-wee" all the way home.

### THIS IS THE WAY THE LADY RIDES

This is the way the lady rides,

Trippity-trip, trippity-trip, trippity-trip.

*(bounce baby gently)*

This is the way the gentleman rides,

Thumpety-thump, thumpety-thump,

thumpety-thump.

*(bounce baby higher)*

This is the way the farmer rides

Hobbledy-gee, hobbledy-gee, hobbledy-gee!

*(bounce baby side to side)*

# Fun Activities to Do With Your Baby at Home

## **3+ months**

Lie on the floor with your baby, on your tummies, facing each other. Wiggle your fingers and make them crawl like a spider. Make them disappear and reappear and always say, "Here comes a spider!" Crawl your hands over different parts of your baby's body, such as his fingers and then his nose, etc.

*Skills developed - focusing on a moving object, anticipation*

## **6+ months**

Find a set of animals. Hold up each animal, say its name, and let your baby feel it. While she is holding the animal, repeat its name and the sound it makes. Sing the song "Old MacDonald had a Farm" and as you sing each verse, pick up the animal that is named and move it around.

*Skills developed – listening, language skills*

## **9+ months**

Recite the following poem:

*Mr. Bear, Mr. Bear, where can you be?*

*I will find you, wait and see.*

Take a bear or another stuffed animal (just change the name in the poem) and hide it as your baby watches. Ask your child to find the bear. Describe where the bear is hidden using words like "under," "behind," "inside," and so on. Repeat this activity again and again since your baby will love finding the bear and giving it you to hide again. *Skill developed: listening, following directions, language enrichment, spatial relationships*

\*Silbert, Jackie. Games to Play with Babies, 3<sup>rd</sup>. ed. Beltsville, MD: Gryphon House, Inc. 2001.

## **Learn to sign with your baby!**

### ***Baby Signs: How to Talk to Your Baby Before Your Baby Can Talk***

**NF 649.122 ACR**

Most babies learn a few signs such as waving for "bye-bye" and blowing kisses. Studies have shown that babies who learn signs develop a larger vocabulary and engage in more sophisticated play than those who do not. **Website [www.babysigns.com](http://www.babysigns.com)**

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